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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/14/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4,7-9,11 and 12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20080215.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sean Myers-Payne on 2/14/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 was replaced by the following:

-- 1. A method for purifying teicoplanin A₂ comprising:

(i) purifying a filtrate of a fermentation broth comprising teicoplanin A₂ on a synthetic polymeric adsorbent, to obtain a primary purification solution;

(ii) purifying the primary purification solution on a cation exchange resin having a cross-linkage of over 8% resin; a chelate resin; or a resin selected from the group consisting of acidic porous resins comprising a styrene polymer matrix, acidic cation exchange resins comprising a porous styrene polymer matrix, and gel-type acidic polymer resins, to create a secondary purification solution;

(iii) purifying the secondary purification solution on a reversed phase resin, to create a tertiary teicoplanin A₂ purification solution; and

(iv) drying the tertiary teicoplanin A₂ purification solution to form a powder. --

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In claim 2, at lines 1-2, the phrase "synthetic absorbent" was replaced by -- synthetic polymeric absorbent --.

Claim 4 was replaced by the following:

-- 4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the synthetic polymeric adsorbent used in step (i) is eluted with purified water containing acetone in a concentration of 50 to 80%. --

Claims 7 and 8 were replaced by the following:

-- 7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the resin used in the secondary purification step (ii) is regenerated by sequentially washing the resin with sodium hydroxide and a weak acid solution then, purified water so that the final eluate of purified water has a pH in the range of 4.5 to 7.0.

8. The method according to claim 1, wherein the resin used in the secondary purification step (ii) is eluted with purified water having a pH in the range of 10 to 13. --

Claim 11 was replaced by the following:

-- 11. The method according to claim 1, wherein the reversed phase resin used in the tertiary purification step (iii) is purified water containing acetone or acetonitrile in a concentration of 20 to 30%. --

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUSAN HANLEY whose telephone number is (571)272-2508. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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